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SUBJECT: NATO MINISTERIAL: SENIOR LEVEL MEETING ON  
BERLIN AND GERMANY - FOLLOW-UP TO VIABILITY  
STUDY

REF: BONN 9175 AND PREVIOUS

1. AT THE MAY 18 BONN GROUP MEETING, THE FOLLOWING TEXT  
OF A FOLLOW-UP REPORT TO THE VIABILITY STUDY WAS  
AGREED AD REF. PART II(2) IS STATED AS A FACT, ALTHOUGH  
THE US REP SUGGESTED THAT IT COULD BE MISLEADING SINCE,  
TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, NO STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN BERLIN  
ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED. THE FRG REP (VON BRAUNMUEHL)  
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SAID THAT THE FRG HAD RECENTLY SUGGESTED TO THE BERLIN  
SENAT THAT IT RAISE THESE MATTERS WITH THE ALLIED  
MISSIONS IN BERLIN AND THAT HE ASSUMED SOMETHING WOULD  
BE UNDERWAY BY THE TIME OF THE NATO MINISTERIAL. IN  
ADDITION, THE EXPERTS IN THE FRG ARE GIVING ATTENTION  
ON A CONTINUING BASIS TO THESE ASPECTS OF BERLIN'S  
VIABILITY.

2. BEGIN TEXT

VIABILITY OF BERLIN

I. THE PRESENT ECONOMIC SITUATION OF BERLIN

(1) THE EFFECTS OF THE SLACKENING PACE OF GENERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN RECENT YEARS CONTINUE TO BE FELT IN BERLIN. THE BERLIN ECONOMY STILL LAGS BEHIND THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. IN 1977, GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT IN REAL TERMS INCREASED IN BERLIN BY 1-1.5 PERCENT AGAINST AN INCREASE OF 2.6 PERCENT IN THE WHOLE AREA OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY PLUS BERLIN (WEST).

(2) THERE HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE TREND OF INVESTMENT. SEVERAL MAJOR COMPANIES IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HAVE DECIDED TO INCREASE INVESTMENT IN BERLIN. THE RECENT CREATION, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE SENAT, OF AN ORGANIZATION TO PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INDUSTRIES IN BERLIN IS ANOTHER STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

(3) IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK, INCLUDING ADEQUATE CONFIDENTIAL

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PREFERENCES, AND THE PROVISION OF OTHER INCENTIVES, WILL FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE BERLIN ECONOMY AND THEREBY THE VIABILITY OF THE CITY.

II. VIABILITY STUDY

(1) AT THE QUADRIPARTITE MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 1977, MINISTERS APPROVED THE BONN GROUP STUDY ON THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF BERLIN, AND INSTRUCTED THE GROUP TO CONTINUE ITS WORK WITHOUT HIGH PRIORITY ON THE BASIS OF PART III OF THE STUDY, WHICH DEALS WITH POSSIBLE AREAS IN WHICH THE THREE POWERS COULD SUPPORT THE EFFORTS BEING MADE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE SENAT OF BERLIN TO STIMULATE BERLIN'S ECONOMY.

(2) AFTER FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN THE BONN GROUP, THE EXPERTS IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE ALLIED KOMMANDANTURA AND THE SENAT ARE INITIALLY CONCENTRATING ON THE FOLLOWING AREAS: SERVICES SECTOR, CONGRESSES, BERLIN TOURISM (EXCEPT AIR SERVICES), TEACHING AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

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